



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



Another week has passed us by and it is another week in which I offer my sincere thanks to all of you for supporting your children with their learning and letting the true spirit of Sacred Heart shine through – even though we are separated by screens. For many of us, the ‘lockdown slump’ may well and truly be setting in at this point, however, it is sometimes in moments of despair that we come to reflect on our greatest achievements – and 2021 has already brought us so many! Consider this: How many of you signed up to home school your child and support them through home learning this year? How many of you opted to hold down a job and teach and parent all at the same time? And, how many of you chose to juggle all of the above in the midst of a pandemic? None of you, yet here you are! Achieving the impossible and doing so whilst keeping a smile your children’s faces – And if that isn’t an achievement, I don’t know what is. So please do not take the ‘lockdown slump’ to heart. It will pass and until it does, please know that you are not alone. We appreciate all that you are doing at the moment, and if you need any support, have any questions or just need someone to talk to – please know that we are always available at the end of the phone. Because the ‘lockdown slump’ may be temporary, but the support of Sacred Heart is not.

February half-term – CLOSED

As you will now be aware, schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. Also, to note that we will be continuing with our planned INSET day on Friday 12th February. Therefore, school will close to all children in school and for remote learning on Thursday 11th February. Staff will not be online or contactable on Friday 12th February or over half term; they are tired and I want them all to have a break, as we are working so very differently, and it is taking its toll on all of my staff.



Re-opening of schools

Boris Johnson detailed this week that schools will remain closed to all pupils (except those currently in school – vulnerable and critical workers) until at least Monday 8th March. Therefore, remote learning will continue until this date. The Government will then review the situation and inform us of how we can proceed.

Snow Day

The snow provided many of us with a much needed escape from the screen this week, and it was lovely to see so many of the children and yourselves enjoying some quality family time with smiles on your faces. The children (and staff!) in school had a brilliant time throwing snowballs and creating snow men. A huge thank you to Mr Henry who spent most of his Sunday working to clear the snow so that we could open safely 😊



Covid-19 Test Results during National Lockdown

If your child or anyone in your household receives a POSITIVE COVID-19 test result, even if your child or children are not attending school at the moment, please can this evidence be emailed to l.stevenson@romeromac.com

I must be made aware of this for our records. We have been making a few home visits and discovered parents have symptoms of Covid but are not getting tests. Please can I strongly advise people to get tested if anyone in the family is feeling unwell as the COVID-19 symptoms can be very varied. I sincerely hope that everyone stays well.

Workers of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nancy G Dominik S	Caleb S Jack W Elden ST	Lilly W Eszter B Elnathan E	Benjamin J Joanne SA Ruby G	Liliana W Rio W Sharlene PD	Matthew J Jayden G Dorottya F	Amanda K Toni D Tighue J-C	Emilia G Caiden S Lucas G



Screen Free Day

In order to help reduce the stresses of home learning, each year group will be hosting a ‘Screen Free Day’ between now and half term. The aim of this is simple: step away from the screens and have some creative fun. It will also hopefully relieve some of the pressures upon you as parents, and give staff and children some well needed time away from the screen. The activities will be designed so that the children can complete these in a more independent way, leaving you some time to get on with your work or tick a job off of that never ending to do list. The days for the children’s screen free days will be Thursday 11th February and Wednesday 3rd March.



Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCov>



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Sacred Heart's GOT TALENT 2021

Unfortunately, this year we can not do our annual Sacred Heart's Got Talent show due to the school closure and the Pandemic. BUT...we have come up with a different way of doing it. We would really still love to share the talents and skills of children in our performance, so we would like to ask the children to share their talents from home. Ideas....they might choose to sing a song, read a poem, do a rap, perform a dance – the choice is up to the children. If they would like to take part, then please film a 1 minute video. This is open to all children this year – Nursery to Year 6...good luck children; we can not wait to see your performances.



NEW-please send in your video entries using We Transfer, as the files will be too big to email and send to my email address p.madia@romeromac.com (I will need the child's name, year group and what their act will be please): <https://wetransfer.com>

Positive Parenting Programme

The Positive Parenting Team organises and co-ordinates Parenting courses in Coventry for all parents, carers, grandparents, foster carers, connected persons and for those with a Special Guardianship Order.

The courses provide a wide range of support for Coventry families. This may be for families planning ahead who are experiencing no difficulties, to families who are experiencing day to day difficulties with relationships, behaviours, feelings and confidence. If you would like to attend a course, please complete the referral form.

We also offer online 90 minute Triple P Seminars for parents of children aged 0-10 and 10-16. The next seminar is:

- Wednesday 3 February, 1pm - 2.30pm for parents of children aged 10-16 years

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/38/family_support/2884/positive_parenting

Spelling Shed

The King Bees and Queen Bees for this week are:

Class 2E	Freya S
Class 2F	Isobel O
Class 3G:	Joanna M
Class 3H:	Yvan B
Class 4I	Freddie M
Class 4J:	Precious B
Class 5M	Marley N
Class 5N	Toni D
Class 6L	Teslim F
Class 6K	Noah K



Times Tables Rockstars

Our top Rockstars are:

Class 3G	Ada G
Class 3H	Noh K
Class 4I	Jakub G
Class 4J	Alex M
Class 5M	Justin U
Class 5N	Emmanuel A
Class 6L	Elaina M
Class 6K	Rima T



Well done to our winners for this week! If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize next week, make sure you log on to your Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars account and get practising those spellings and tables. 😊



Speed Stacks

We have just received confirmation that all of the speed stacking orders have been dispatched and are being sent directly to you due to the current restrictions. You should all receive your orders in the next couple of weeks.



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Sports Stars

We've been really impressed with how the children are continually engaging with the different P.E activities we've set them. See below for this week's sports stars. If your child's name is listed, please check your emails for a video message for your child congratulating them 😊

29TH JANUARY 2021

Sacred Heart's SPORTING STARS

ACTIVE

Home
HEROES

EYFS - ADAM W

KS1 - PAUL Y2

KS2 - DARCIE Y4

School

STARS

EYFS - OLIVER

KS1 - KAI Y1

KS2 - LILY G Y5

100% EFFORT

Padlet

PROS

KS1 - JACQUE Y1

KS2 - DAISY, PHOEBE
& TONI Y5

ENTHUSIASTIC



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Go Parks Active Schools Challenge and COMPETITION!

From 1st-28th February, Coventry City Council have launched an active schools challenge to help encourage everyone in Coventry to keep fit and active through a walk a day in the city's local parks.

How can I take part?

- Read the instructions on the poster below for how to earn points for Sacred Heart 😊

How many points can I get a day?

- Each entry is worth 10 points. You can only enter once, per person a day. Each person entering must use a different email. If there are multiple entries under one email each day, only one will be counted.

Who can take part?

- Anyone living in the city can take part. Children, parents, grandparents, friends etc...

How can I see where the school is placed on the leadership board?

- We will post this on social media weekly. Please follow @covsport to be the first to see these results. If we place in the top 3 schools in our category, the school will win some money that we can use to purchase sports equipment for the children 😊

There are 33 different parks with a Go Parks banner. No matter where you live in the city, there will be a park near you! All of the locations of the banners can be found on this website [Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge – Google My Maps](#)

Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge

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Let's get our school to the top of the leader board!

How to enter:

1. Find the Go Parks QR code banner during your walk in the closest participating park to your home
2. Get a family or bubble member (that are 18 or over) to scan the QR code with their smartphone camera
3. Complete the form, choosing our school to win the points with your daily entry!

Remember: stay safe in the park and follow all government guidelines including social distancing and only visiting the park in your area of Coventry.

Logos: go parks, SCHOOL GAMES, Coventry City Council, THE NATIONAL LOTTERY, SPORT ENGLAND, go CV

SGOs: @SGOCoventryWest, @SGOCoventryEast, @covsport, @coventrysport, www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks

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Padlet Pros

This week, it has been fantastic to see more and more children posting on their Padlet pages with videos and photos of how they are keeping fit and active at home. Keep it up and we look forward to crowning the next KS1 and KS2 Padlet Pros next week for their regular engagement 😊

<p>Please scan the QR code or click on the link for your year group's Padlet!</p>	<p>EYFS</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/o0s9jq2b1p9fnk2d</p>	<p>Year 1</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/o0s9jq2b1p9fnk2d</p>	<p>Year 2</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/8h3oti8ssk4gfod</p>
<p>Year 3</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/kqe34rqptrk6pi9o</p>	<p>Year 4</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/wed9tajswwq6t2yts</p>	<p>Year 5</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/8f19rbmx7ts7cv9q</p>	<p>Year 6</p>  <p>https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/j9z8rb14aazkistm</p>

First Holy Communion -YEAR 4 (letter sent)

As you know, the Sacramental programme is at the heart of our school and the centre of each child's Journey of Faith. We are very mindful that our Year 4 children are still waiting to make their First Holy Communion and this letter is to update you on the proposed arrangements.

Father Tony and I have had long conversations looking at various solutions for how the Holy Communion could be facilitated safely and we have agreed that the safest option for everyone is for each family to arrange their individual First Holy Communions with Father Tony directly.

First Holy Communion can be carried out at any public Masses which are held on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Your child can make their special Sacrament supported by their family and celebrated with the parish.

Without knowing when we will be allowed to celebrate as a school and parish community, we feel this is a special alternative to what the children would usually experience. I understand that you may feel disappointed but having their own personal Holy Communion will be a very special and intimate celebration of your child's journey of faith. I have recently had to do this with my Son (Valentino) at his parish church at Princethorpe; it was really special; just him and his immediate family – so personal and intimate.

Families will need to reserve their spaces within the Mass with Father Tony, either for a Wednesday/Saturday or Sunday. Each Mass will be able to accommodate 5 families (child, parents, siblings only, and potentially Grandparents). You can book from February through to May 2021.

If you have any questions please email Father Tony: fr.anthony.norton@rcaob.org.uk



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



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